



# City of Homer

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## Memorandum 22-061

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council  
FROM: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager  
DATE: April 5, 2022  
SUBJECT: Purchase of Fire Apparatus

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As discussed with Council throughout the FY22/23 budget development process, the Volunteer Fire fleet is quite old and many vehicles are well beyond their intended service life as emergency response vehicles. In February 2022, \$1.5M was moved to General Fund Fleet CARMA (Fund 152) through the adoption of Ordinance 22-09. In Memorandum 22-020 which accompanied Ordinance 22-09, it was communicated that there was an intent to come forward this year with a request to purchase a piece of fire apparatus which could cost as much as \$850,000.

Chief Kirko has worked to identify and spec out a vehicle that will be an excellent first step in the modernization of our fire fleet. The specific vehicle is a Pierce Enforcer 2500 gallon tender fire truck. It is in the public interest to acquire this vehicle as it will enhance our ability to effectively protect public health and safety. It is expected that Kachemak City will be purchasing an identical, or nearly identical truck. That purchase is under consideration separately by their City Council. If we order in late April, it is expected that it will take approximately two years for the vehicle to be manufactured and delivered. Our order is not dependent on the actions of Kachemak City, we just happen to be on similar timelines.

The City used the Sourcwell service cooperative to get a competitive price for this procurement. Sourcwell is a state agency based in Minnesota that establishes competitively awarded cooperative purchasing contracts on behalf of itself and its participating agencies all over the country. The City of Homer is able to utilize a cooperative purchasing contract through Sourcwell under HCC 3.16.060 (g) and Alaska Stat. § 36.30.700 regarding cooperative purchasing. We have used Sourcwell in the past for public works vehicles.

Pierce's current Sourcwell contract award is set to lapse this month, however, in discussions with Sourcwell staff, we learned that Pierce won the contract for fire apparatus again for the next contract cycle (they typically run 4-5 years per award). The transition between contract awards may impact the price somewhat. The ordinance provided for introduction is set as an amount not to exceed \$800,000. I expect the final price to be \$750,000 or less. Unspent funds will be returned to CARMA.

**Staff Recommendation:** Introduce and adopt ordinance to purchase an Enforcer 2500 gallon tender fire truck for an amount not to exceed \$800,000

CITY OF HOMER  
FINANCIAL SUPPLEMENT

PROJECT NAME	<u>Purchase of Enforcer 2500 Gallon Tender Fire Truck</u>	DATE	<u>04/06/2022</u>
DEPARTMENT	<u>Fire</u>	SPONSOR	<u>City Manager/Fire Chief</u>
REQUESTED AMOUNT	<u>\$ 800,000</u>		

DESCRIPTION	
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FUNDING SOURCE(S)	OPERATING	GF CARMA	GF FLEET CARMA	PORT RESERVES	WATER CARMA
	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
	HAWSP	HART-ROADS	HART-TRAILS	PORT FLEET RESERVES	SEWER CARMA
	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

FUNDING SOURCE 1: GF Fleet CARMA	FUNDING SOURCE 2:	FUNDING SOURCE 3:
Current Balance <u>\$ 2,202,454</u>	Current Balance _____	Current Balance _____
Encumbered <u>\$ 547,761</u>	Encumbered _____	Encumbered _____
Requested Amount <u>\$ 800,000</u>	Requested Amount _____	Requested Amount _____
Other Items on Current Agenda <u>\$ 0</u>	Other Items on Current Agenda _____	Other Items on Current Agenda _____
Remaining Balance <u>\$ 854,693</u>	Remaining Balance _____	Remaining Balance _____
FUNDING SOURCE 4:	FUNDING SOURCE 5:	FUNDING SOURCE 6:
Current Balance _____	Current Balance _____	Current Balance _____
Encumbered _____	Encumbered _____	Encumbered _____
Requested Amount _____	Requested Amount _____	Requested Amount _____
Remaining Balance _____	Remaining Balance _____	Remaining Balance _____